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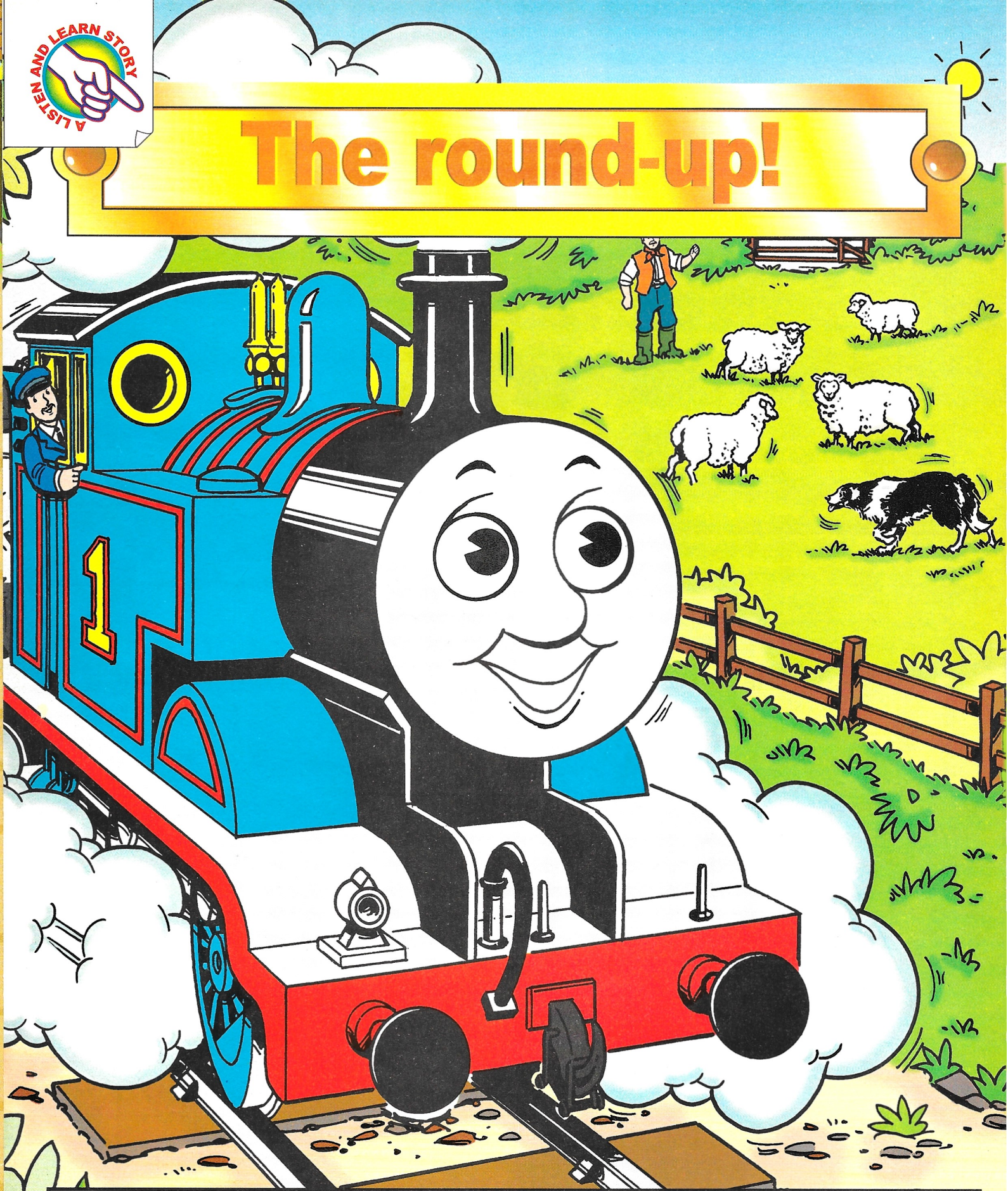
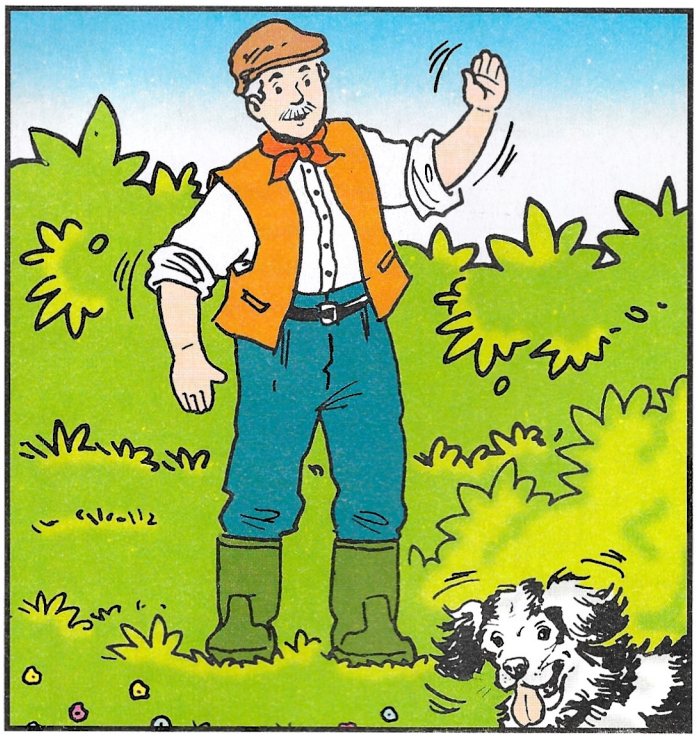


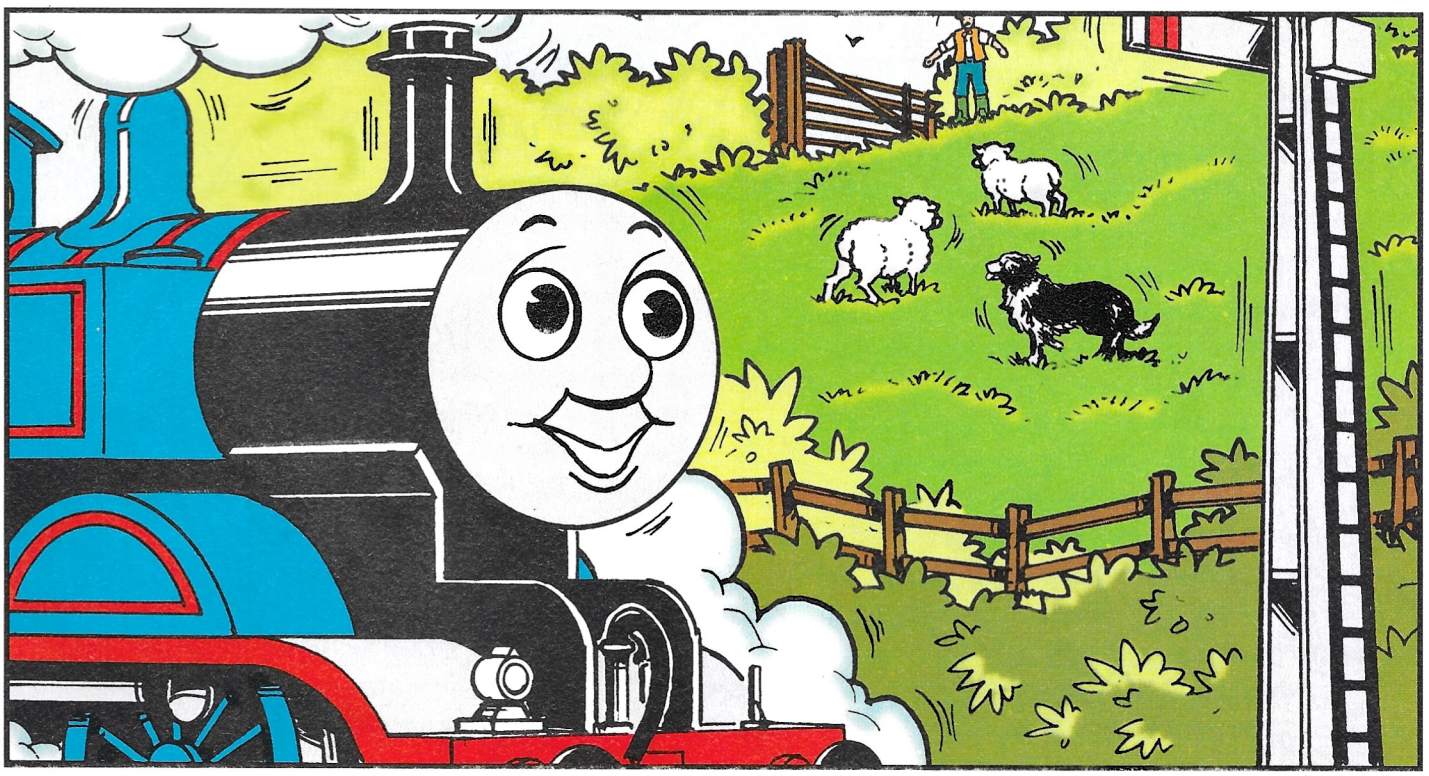
1. Thomas was up bright and early to collect milk from the dairy farms along his branch line. On the way, he saw Ben the shepherd and his sheepdog on the hillside.

2. They were Thomas's friends. "We're not the only ones who are up early!" Thomas called to his driver. "There's Ben and his dog, Jess. They're working hard, too!"



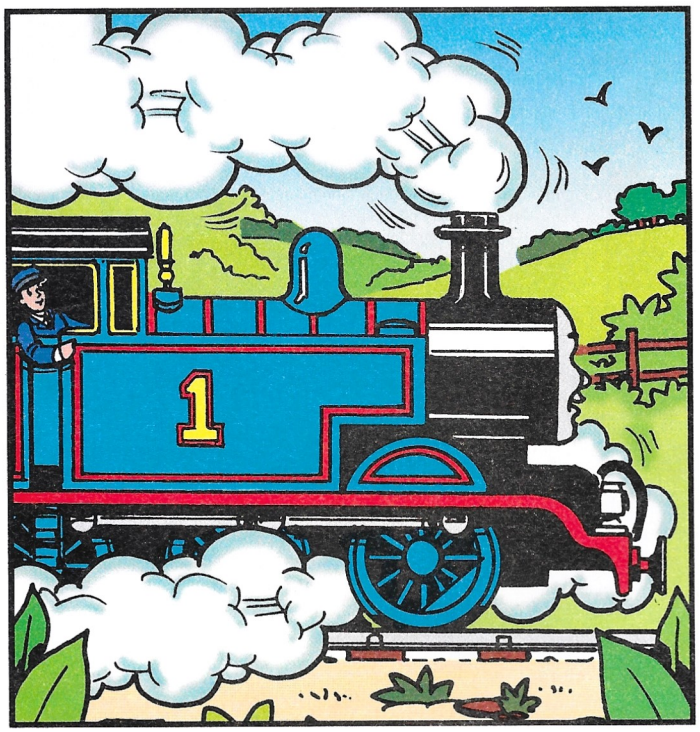
3. Jess was helping Ben round-up a flock of sheep in a meadow, where they had spent the night. The sheep were going to be taken to graze higher on the hill.

4. "How does Jess know what Ben wants him to do?" Thomas asked. "By special whistles and commands," his driver replied. Then Thomas had to wait at a signal.

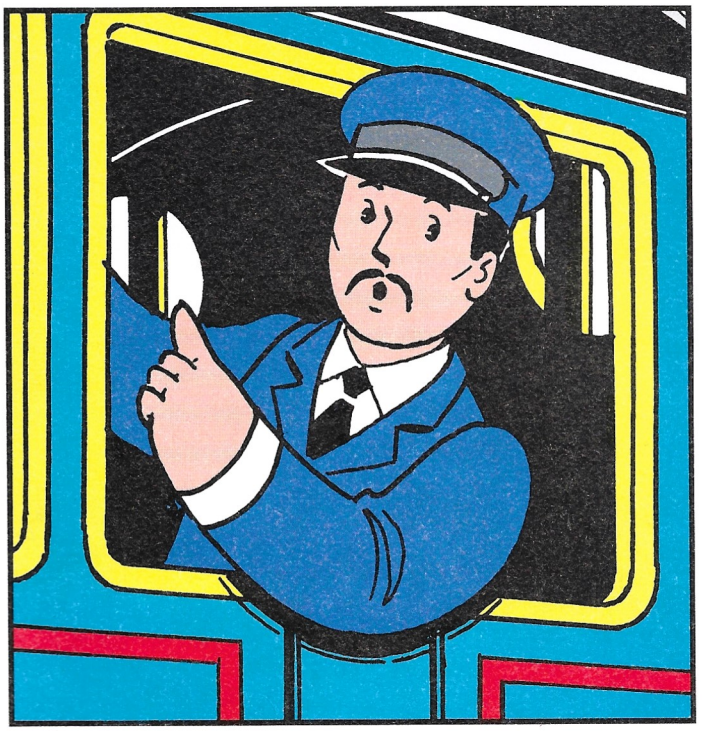


5. "What luck!" said his driver. "Now we can watch Jess at work!" Thomas thought the sheepdog was very clever. Jess ran to and fro, gently driving all the sheep.

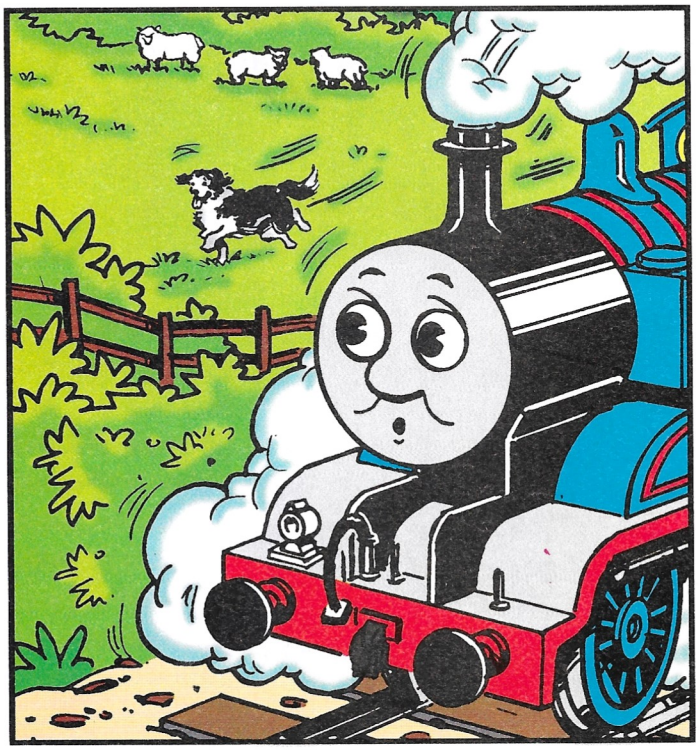
6. While the sheep trotted out of the meadow gate, Jess lay down behind them. But when two sheep went the wrong way, Ben whistled for Jess to bring them back again.



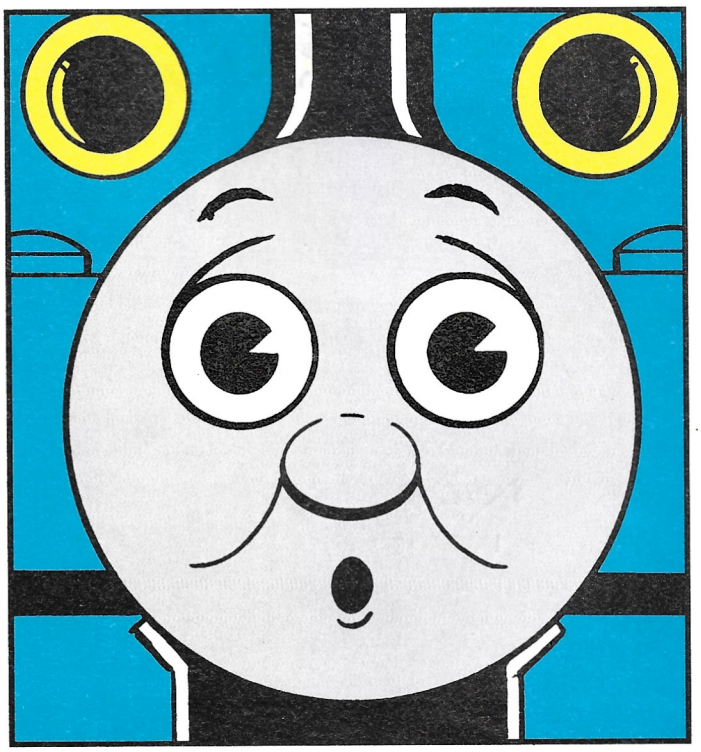
7. "Jess is as busy moving sheep as I am moving trucks!" laughed Thomas. Soon the signal changed to show the line was clear, so Thomas chuff-chuffed on his way.



8. Later, he returned with his trucks full of milk churns. By now, the sheep were scattered on the hill. There was no sign of Ben. "That's strange!" called Thomas's driver.



9. Next moment, Jess appeared. But the dog left the sheep and ran towards Thomas. "That's even stranger!" said Thomas's driver. "Jess usually guards the sheep!"



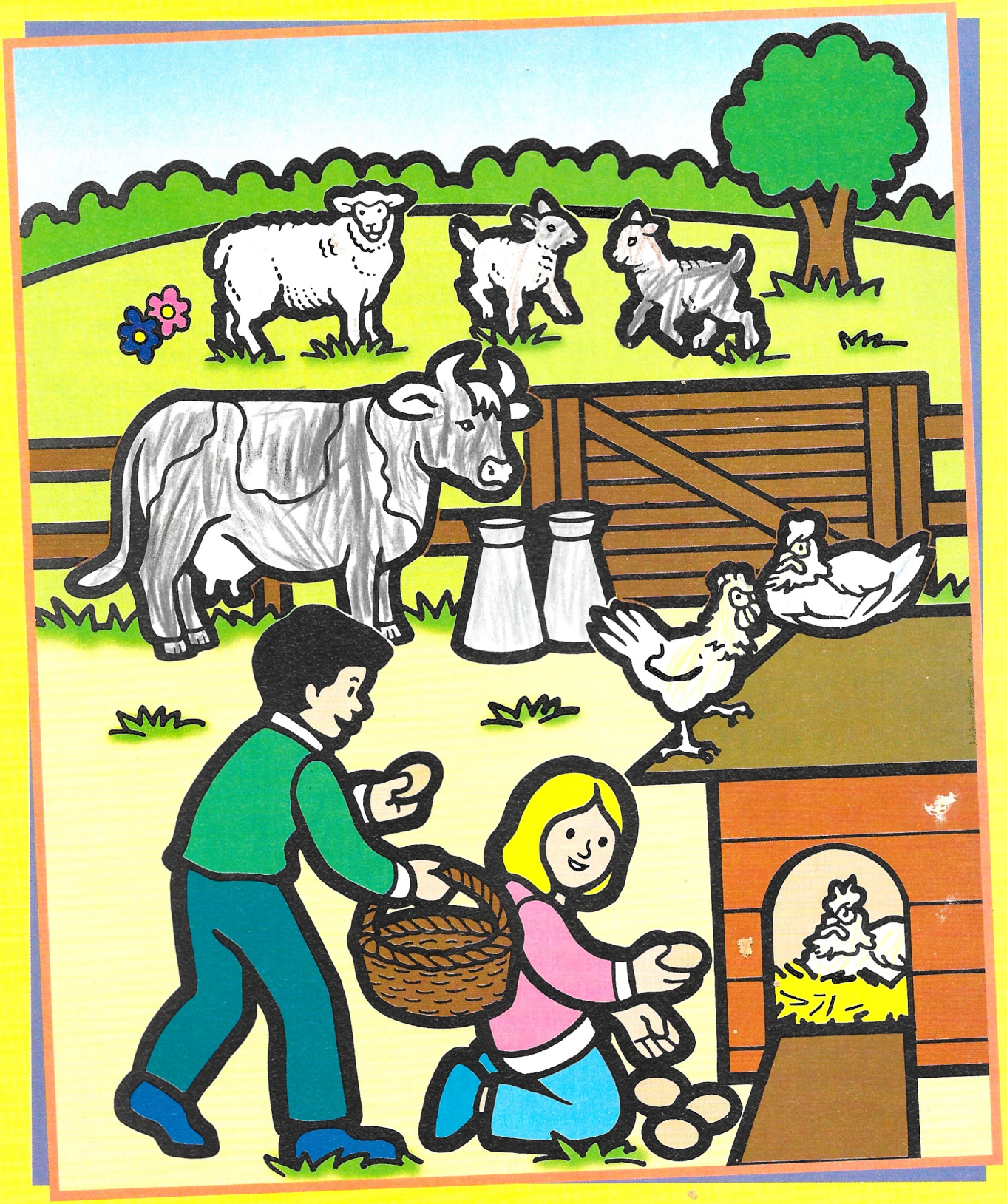
10. Jess ran along by the track, barking loudly at Thomas. "Smoke and fire!" cried the little engine. "Something's wrong! I'm sure Jess wants me to stop!"

11. Thomas's driver agreed. As it was an emergency, he pulled on the brake lever until Thomas rolled to a halt. The driver knew no other trains were due so he climbed down with the fireman and hurried over to Jess. The sheepdog raced back up the hill. He kept looking round to make sure the men were following.

12. Jess led them to a deep ditch the shepherd was trapped. He was holding a lamb. "I climbed down to rescue it and became stuck!" called Ben. The driver and the fireman helped him up. "Well done, Jess!" said Thomas, as they all returned to the engine. "You can round-up engines as well as sheep!"

Farmyard Fun!

Look at this farmyard picture carefully, then read the questions and write the answers in the boxes provided! After you've answered the questions, colour in the animals!



How many hens can you count?

How many milk churns can you see?

How many eggs can you see in the picture?

How many sheep are there?

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Name one of the birds other than a pigeon, which is featured in the story 'Pigeon passengers!'?

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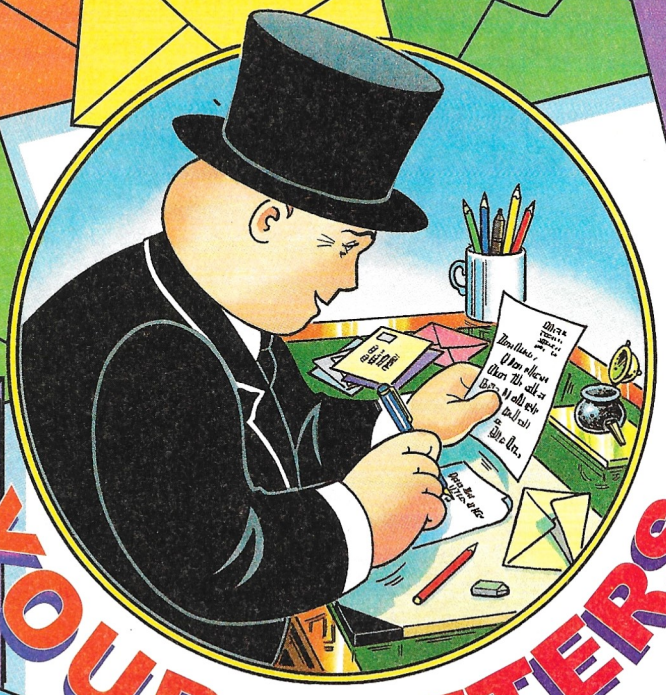

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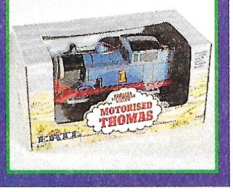


FILL IT UP!

Dear Fat Controller,
Please can you tell me where you get the coal from that is used on the Island of Sodor?
Love from Jamie Woods, aged 3.

The coal that the engines use as fuel, is shipped in from the mainland by boat. I have a regular order of coal delivered, so running out of coal is never a problem on my railway!

WHOSE BRANCH LINE?

Dear Fat Controller,
Please can you tell me which branch line does Thomas the Tank Engine work on?
Love from Callum.

Thomas is one of my most efficient engines, which is why Thomas has his own branch line to work on!

ENGINE WORK!

Dear Fat Controller,
Can you tell me more about Ben and the kind of work that he does?
Love from Liam Skinner.

Ben, the little saddle-tank engine, works with his twin engine Bill, at Brendam Bay. You will usually find them working in the quarry, collecting trucks full of clay. However, being the youngest engines on my railway, you will always find Bill and Ben playing tricks and causing mischief!

PHOTO OF THE FORTNIGHT!

Dear Fat Controller,
Here is a picture of me in my bedroom. My mum painted a picture of Thomas on my wall because he is my favourite engine!
love from Luke Douglas, aged 5.

BIRTHDAYS

Samuel Daffern, Joshua Levy, Paul Seery, Michael Lee, Dylan Copeland, Jodi Wallace, Nicky Rutherford.

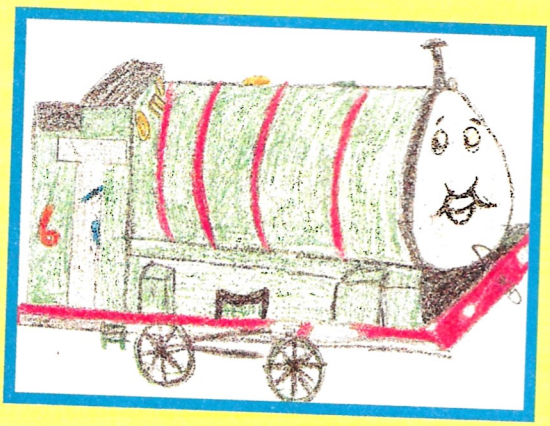
Drawing Board!

Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board

Gordon's working hard in this picture sent in by Grant Gibb, aged 7!

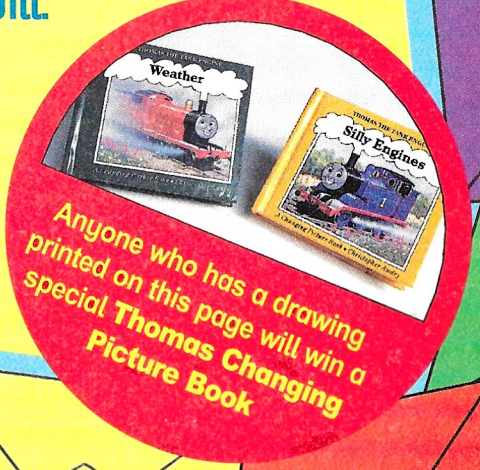
This lovely picture of Harold flying high in the sky above Thomas was drawn by George Green, aged 6!

Jamie Wilson, has drawn a great picture of James the Red Engine puffing along his Branch Line on a lovely sunny day!



Percy looks happy in this picture, drawn by Jill Outram, thank you, Jill.

If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed on this page, then please send your entries to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX.



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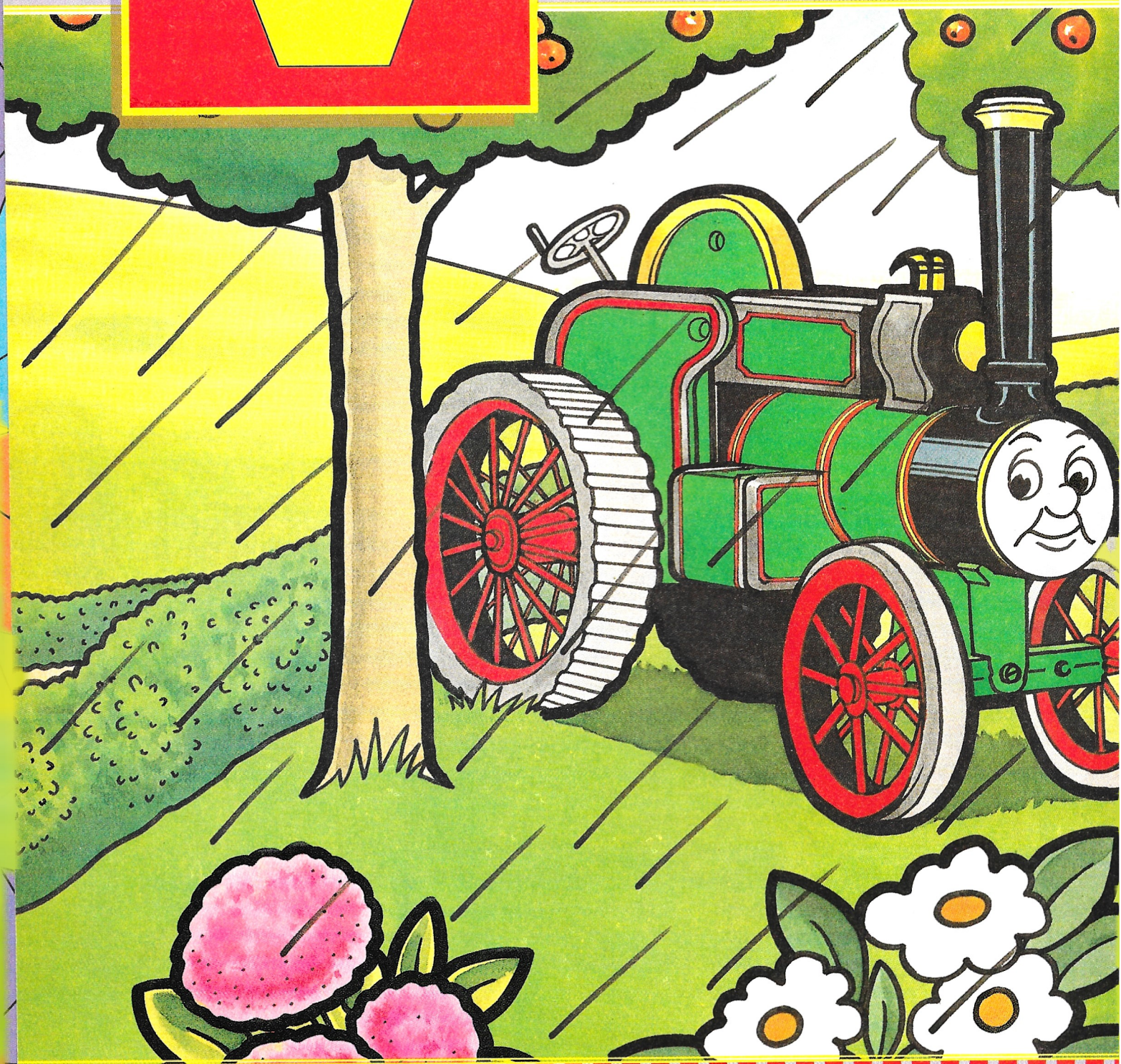

- Which engine can you see in the picture?
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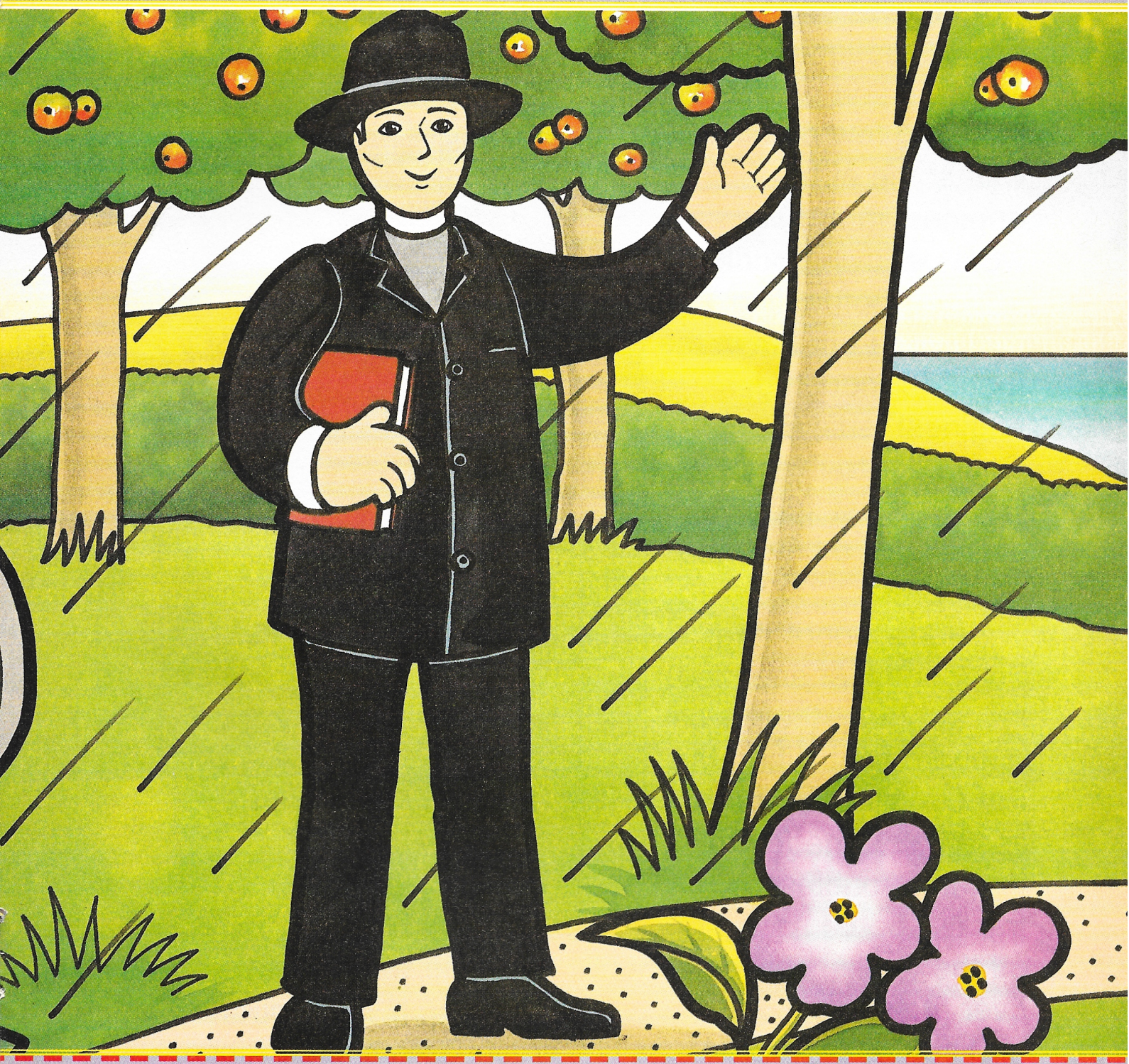

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This centrespread should be cut out as it forms part of a continuous scene for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom.

What a day!

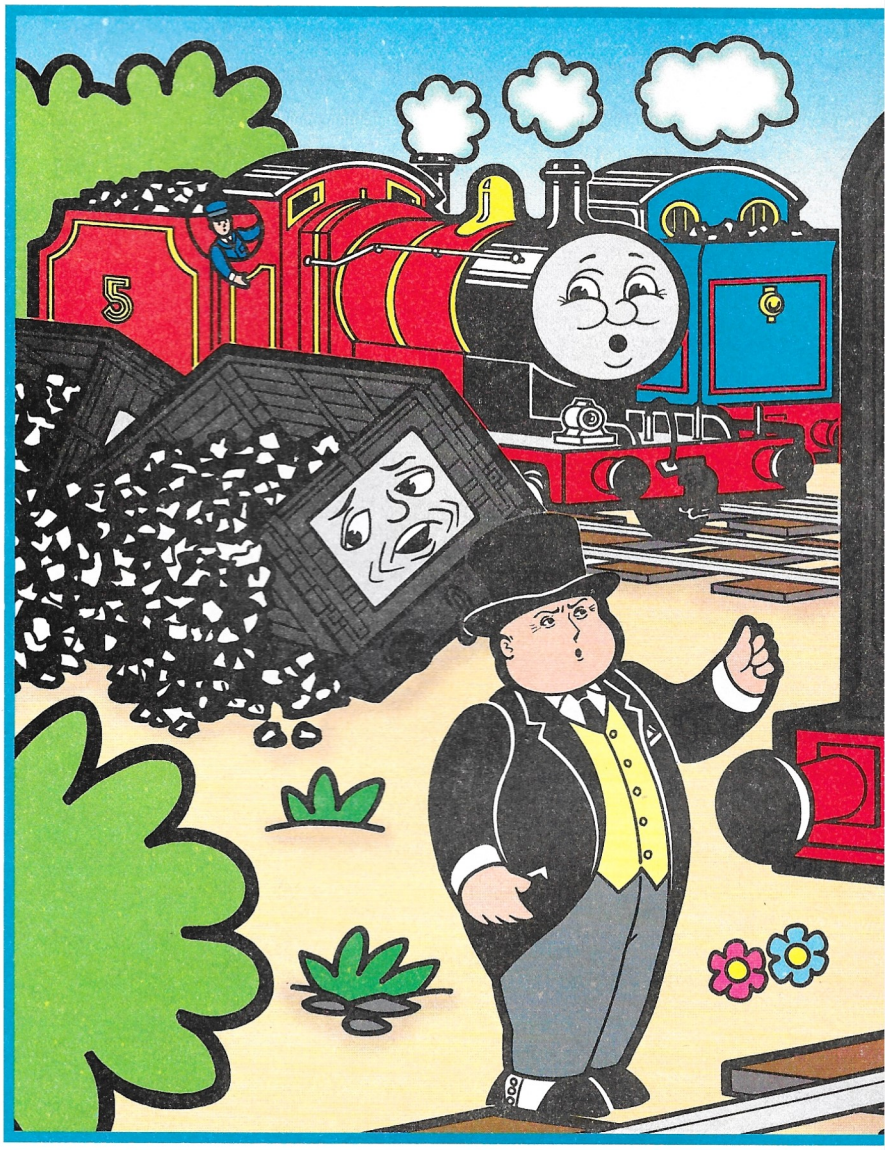
It was a very busy day on the Island of Sodor and the Fat Controller was in the Main Station yard. He was having a few problems with some of his engines, many of which were behaving badly!

"I am not feeling well, and I am not in the mood for naughty engines!" said the Fat Controller to Diesel, who had just spilled slippery oil all over the tracks.

"Aaaachooo!" the Fat Controller sneezed.

Just then, there was a loud crash! When the Fat Controller went to investigate, he found that the troublesome trucks had come right off the tracks, spilling coal all over the yard!

The Fat Controller was beginning to become very impatient with his engines. He also wondered why Gordon was late. The big Express engine was meant to be delivering an important parcel.

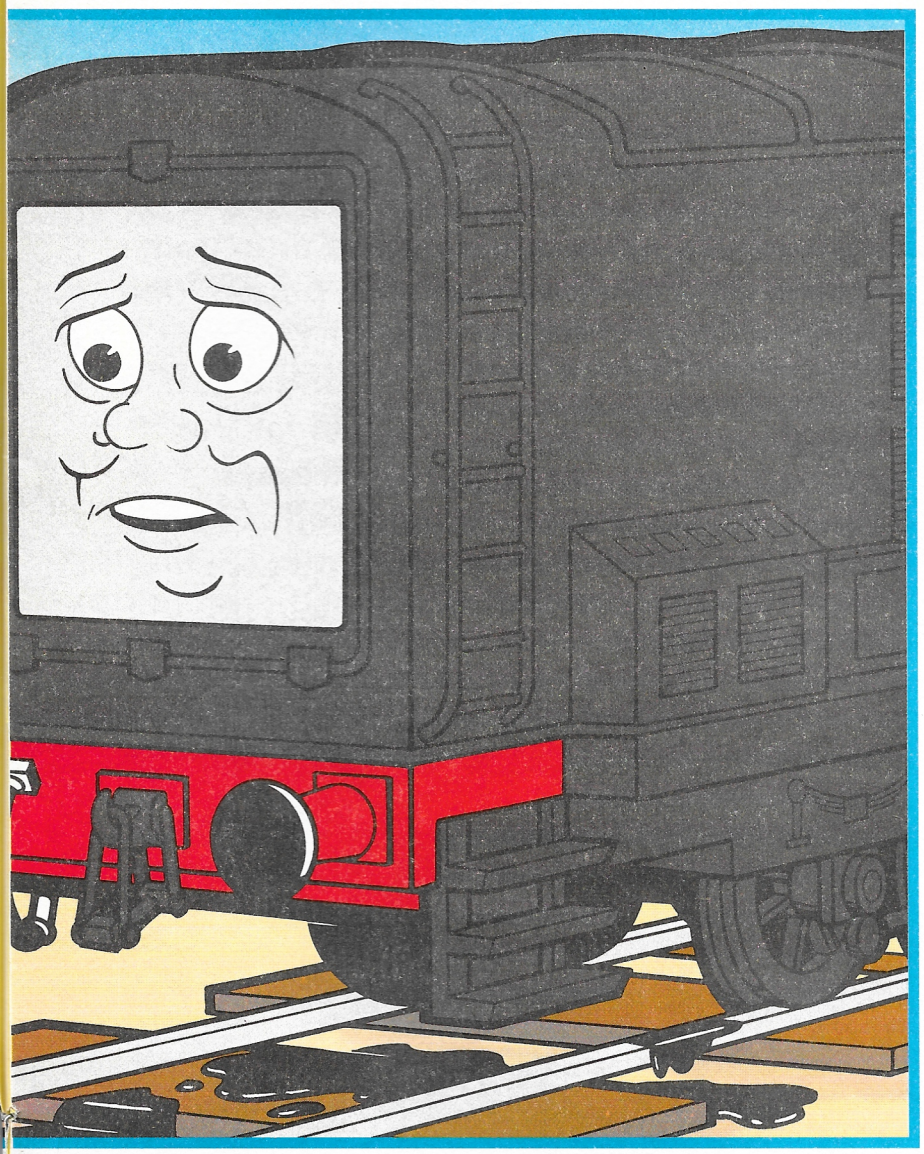


As he walked towards his office there was another loud crash. This time, a loose branch had smashed one of the office windows.

"Goodness, what a day!"

the Fat Controller sighed. "I feel so ill that I shall have to go home. I just hope nothing else goes wrong! I will leave one of my guards in charge. If there's an emergency, he can call me!"

The engines knew that it had been a very hard day for



the Fat Controller.

"Let's do something special for him!" said Thomas. All the engines agreed.

Later that day, Thomas's driver went to Wellsworth Town to collect a special package for the Fat Controller.

When the Fat Controller returned to work, Thomas's driver presented him with a window filled with coloured glass in the shape of an engine.

"Splendid! I will now be able to replace my office window!" smiled the Fat Controller. "And I'm proud to say my engines can still be Really Useful, even on a very bad day!"

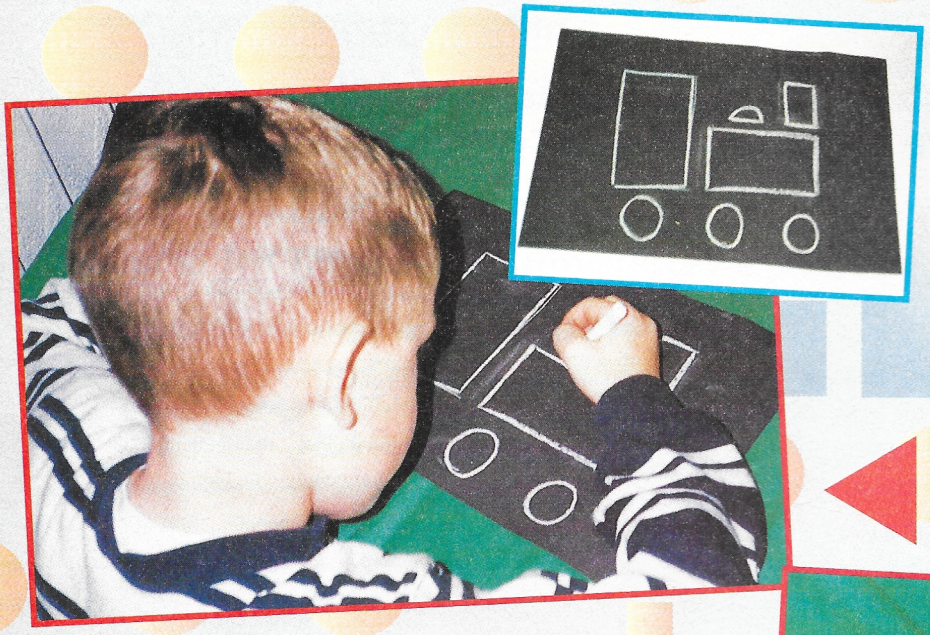
Coloured windows are really great. Turn the page, there's one to make!

Make a colou

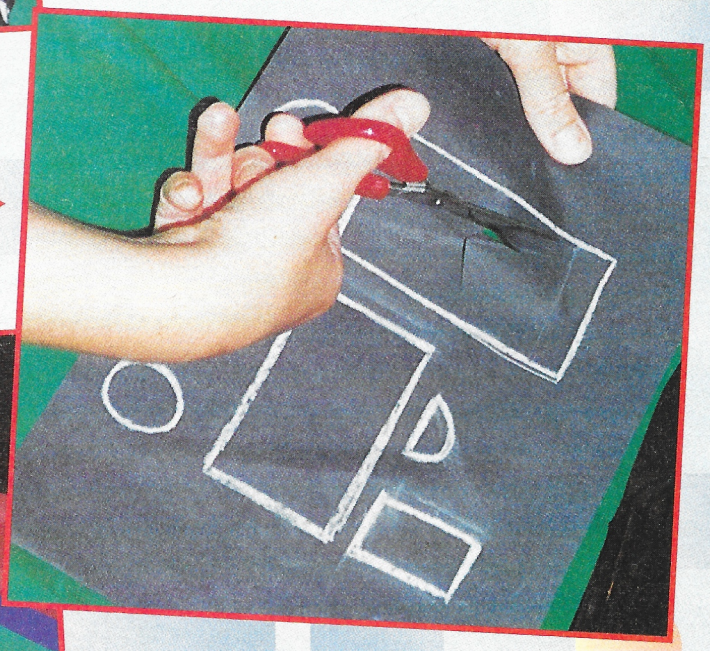
In this activity, you can find out how to make a coloured window of an engine! Engines, like Thomas and his friends, are made up from very simple shapes, like squares and circles, so these are what we are going to use to make our window - it's really easy!

You will need:

A sheet of black paper
White or yellow chalk or pencil
Coloured tissue paper
Round ended scissors
Safe glue



1. Using your white or yellow chalk, draw the engine shapes onto your piece of black paper. Use a rectangle for the body, another one for the cab, a small rectangle for the chimney and a semi circle for the dome. Look at the picture that we have done to help you!

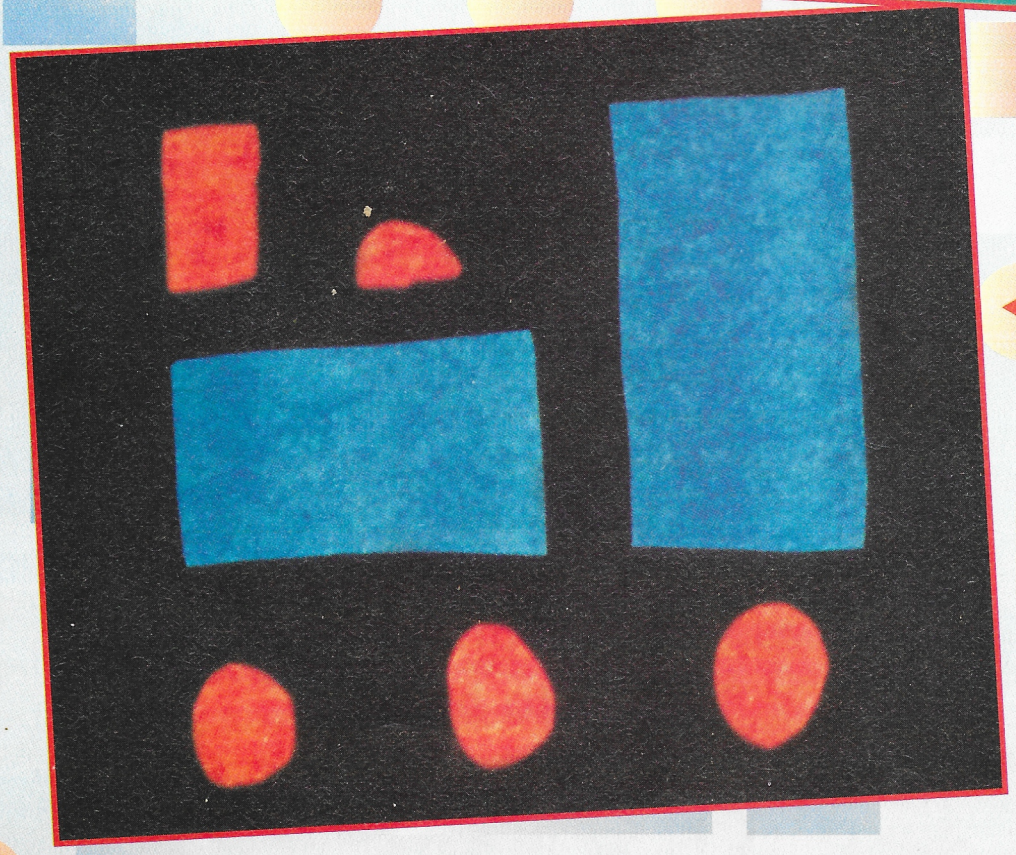


2. Now ask a grown-up to carefully cut out the shapes!

3. You can now choose your coloured tissue paper!

ured window!

4. Using some safe glue, spread a small amount around the engine shapes on your black paper. Now stick the tracing paper over the shape of your engine! You may want to have an engine made from different colours! A blue body, yellow chimney and red wheels!



5. When the glue has dried, stick your finished engine onto a window and look at the colours as the light shines through your nice bright 'engine window'!

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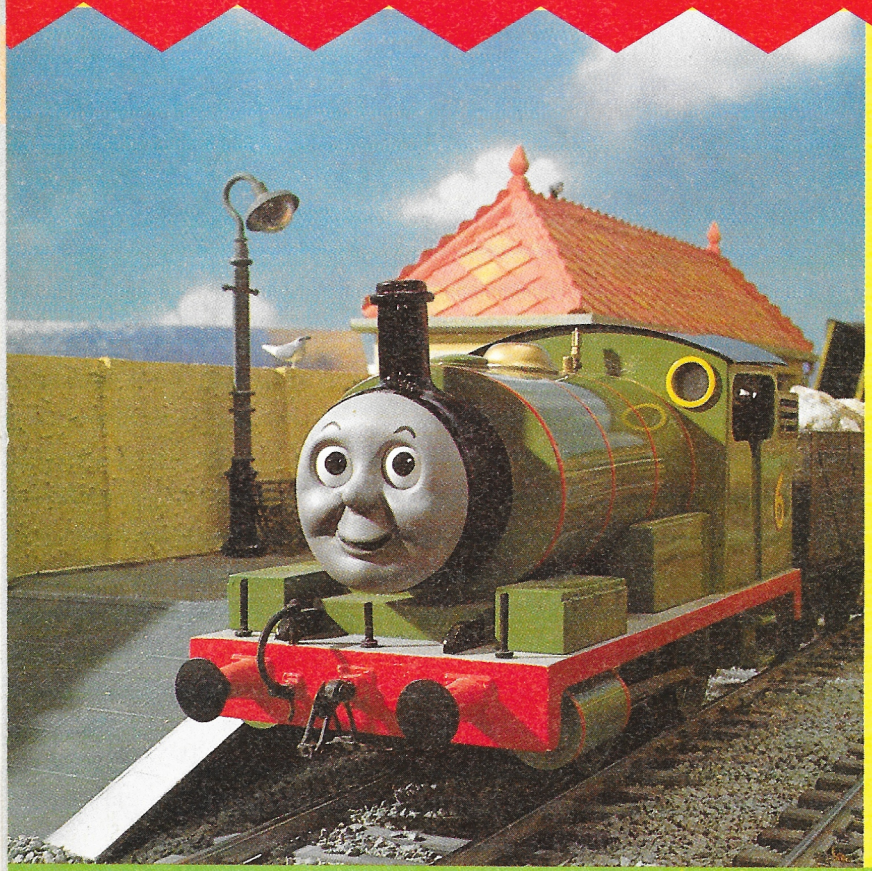

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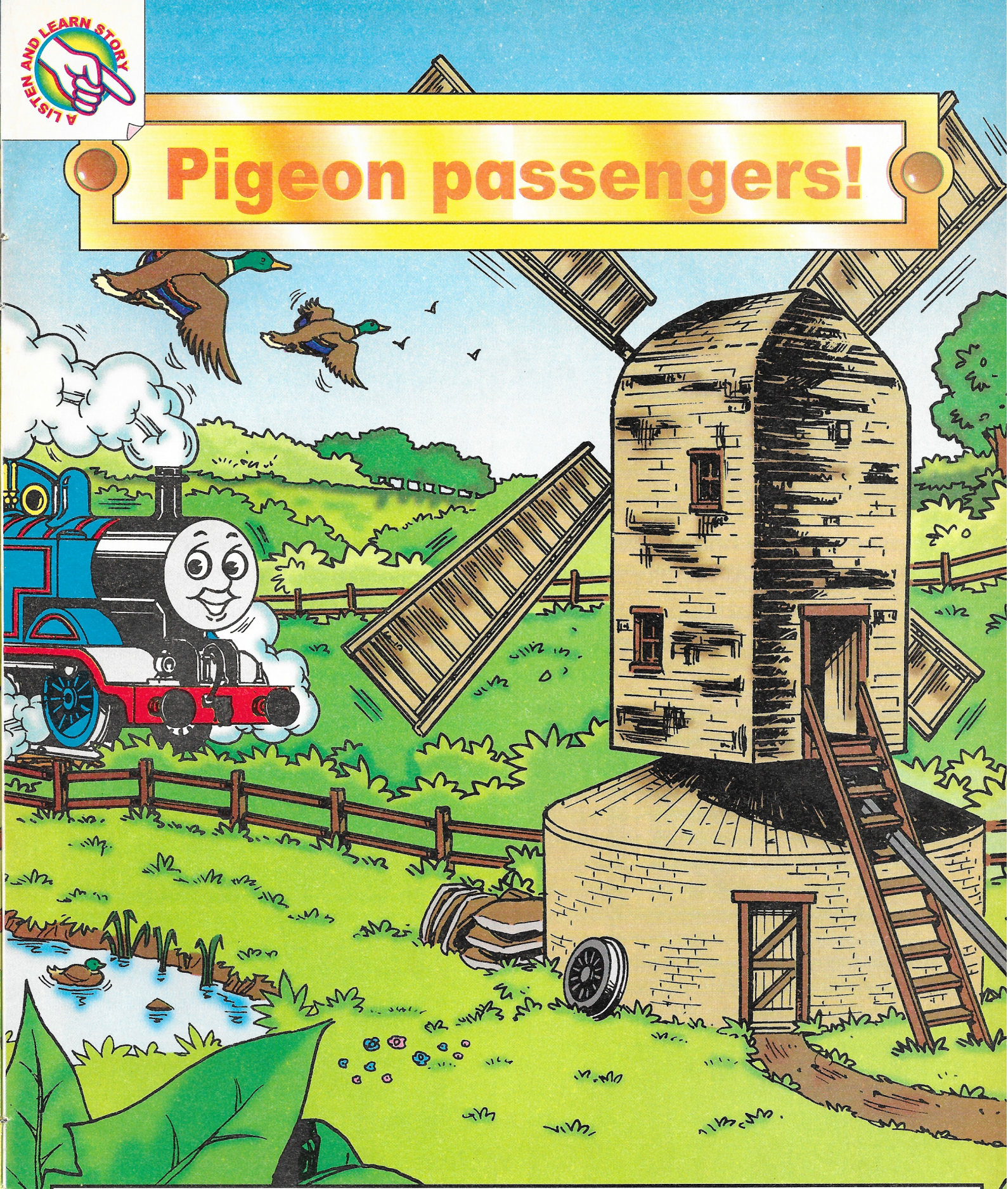
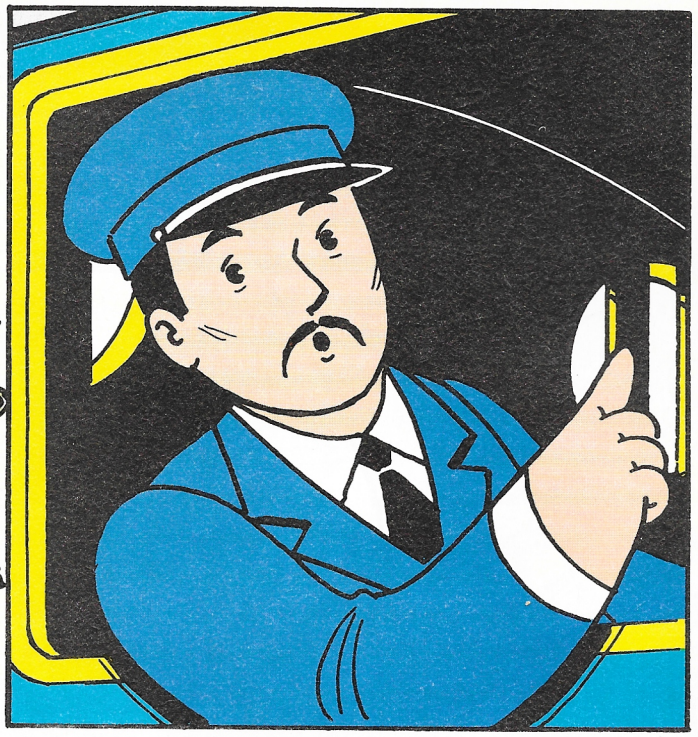
Pigeon passengers!



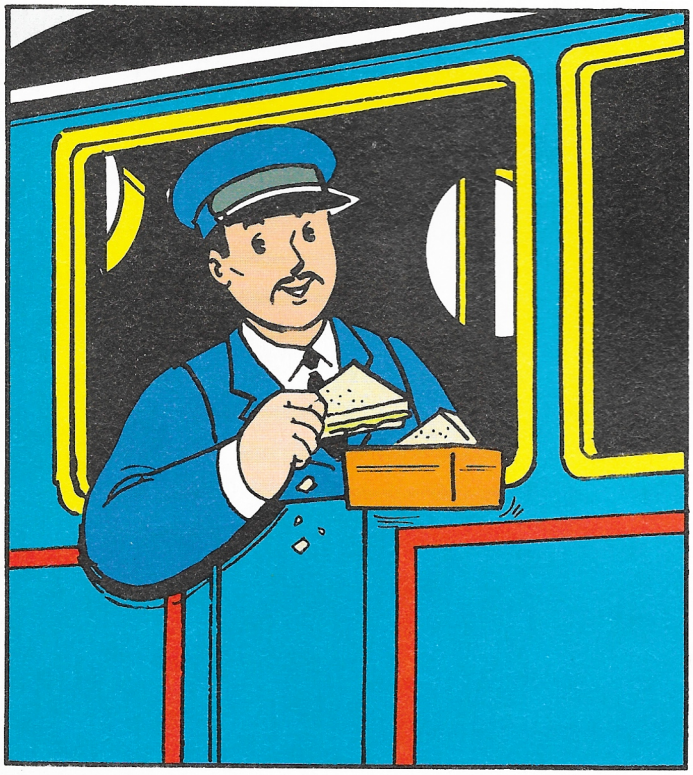
1. Thomas always enjoyed his visits to the working windmill. He had to collect flour that was ground there and take it to a bakery, for making into bread.

2. The windmill stood in the vast gardens of a splendid country house. All sorts of colourful birds were free to wander safely over the lawns.

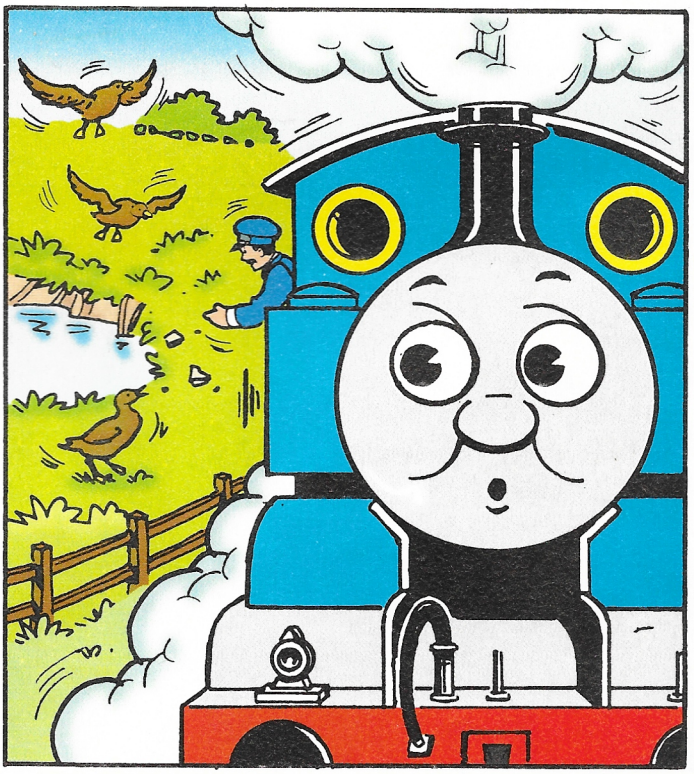
3. The windmill had its own siding. When Thomas pulled up, he saw the most amazing bird. It spread out its long tail feathers like a huge fan.



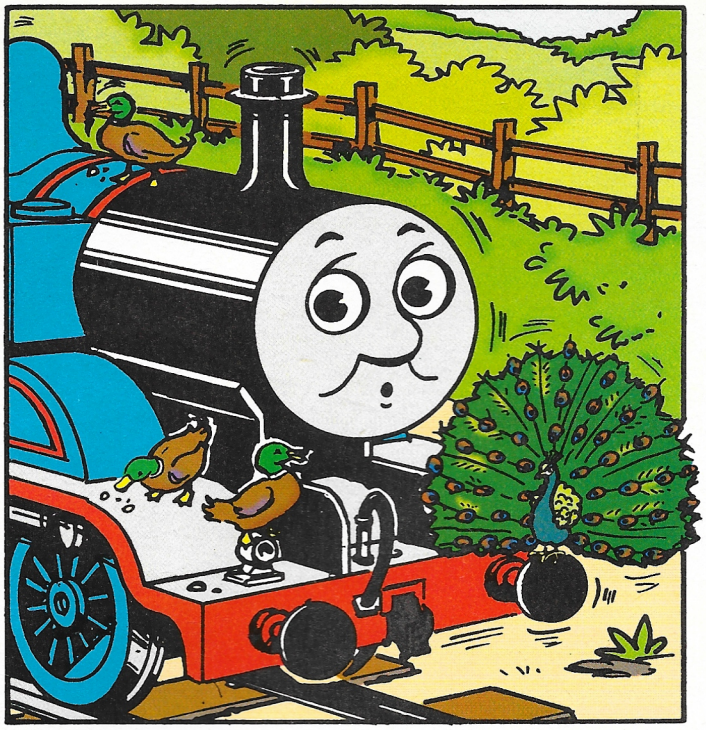
4. Thomas had never seen any bird quite like it before. "Just look at that peacock!" said his driver. It was even more colourful than the ducks in the nearby pond.



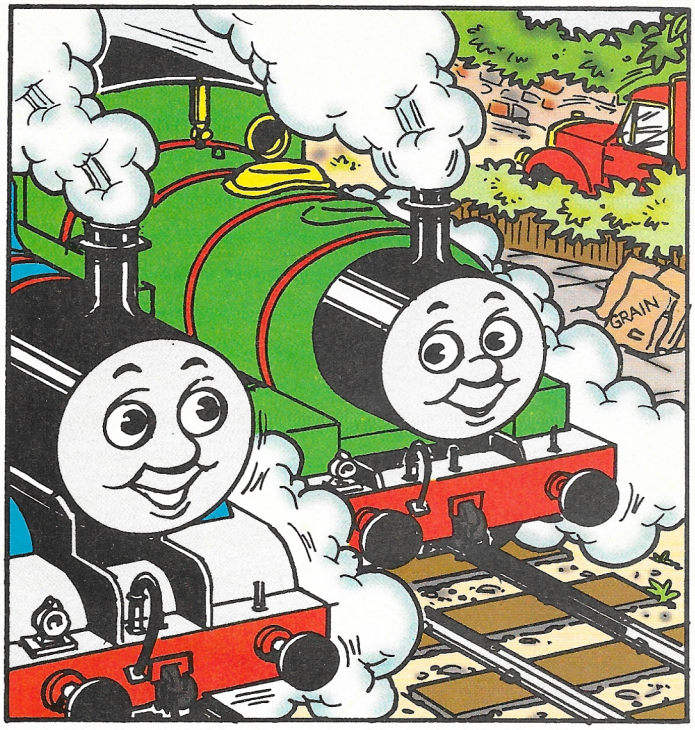
5. Thomas watched the birds while sacks of flour were loaded on to his trucks. After the work was done, his driver took some sandwiches from his lunch box.



6. "What a perfect place for a picnic!" he said. He threw a small piece of bread to a duck. The next moment, the other birds rushed hungrily towards him.



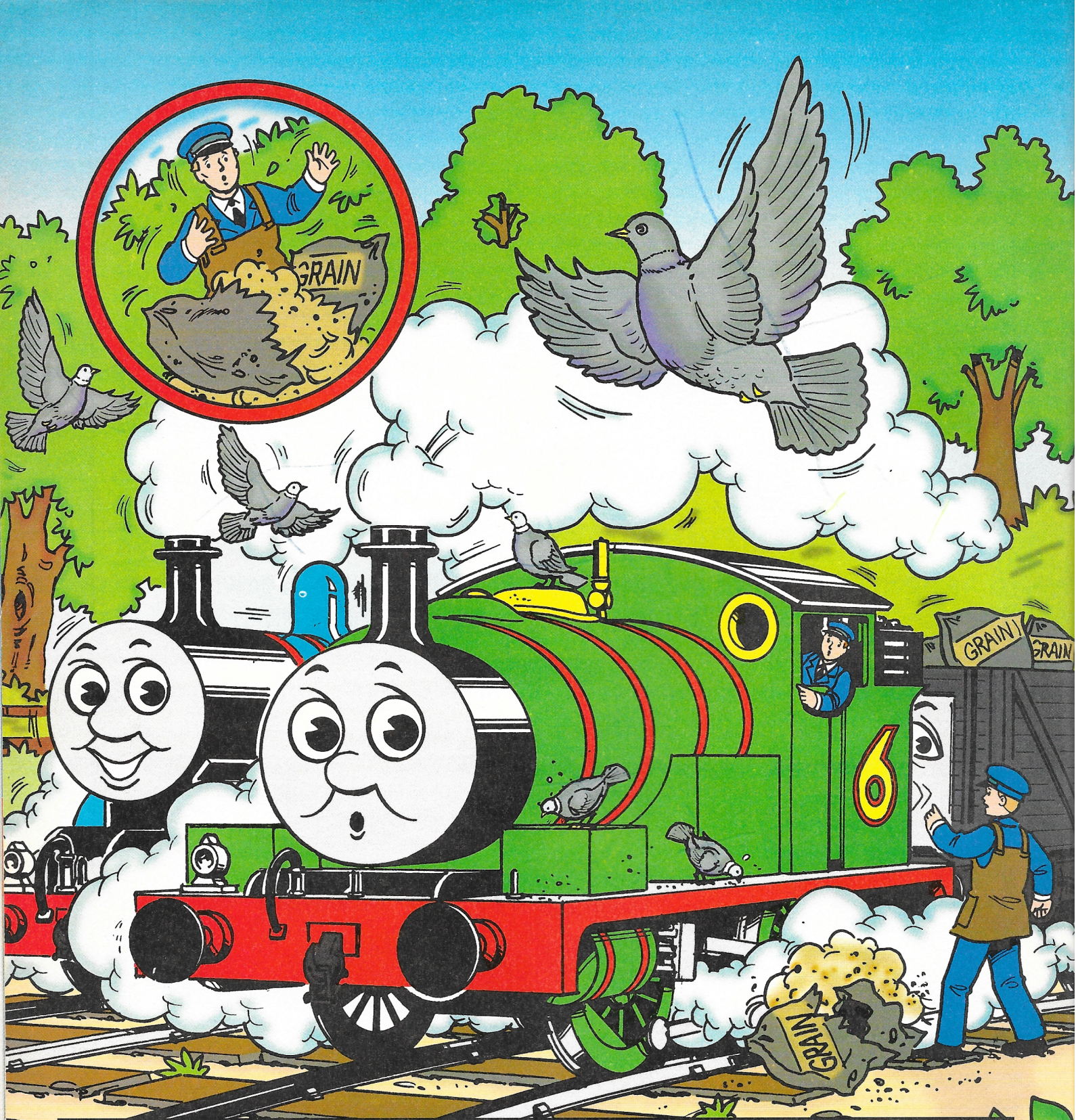
7. "They all want feeding!" cried Thomas. Some ducks flew up on to his cab roof. Others quacked around his wheels and the peacock landed on a buffer.



8. Thomas's driver kindly shared his sandwiches with the birds. Then Thomas set off to the bakery. On the way, he met Percy being loaded with grain.

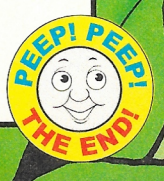
9. Waiting at a signal, Thomas told Percy about the ducks and the peacock. "I hope you didn't let the birds ruffle your feathers!" teased Percy, playfully.

10. "I have to deliver some of this grain to the windmill, to be ground into flour! You won't catch me carrying a peacock passenger!" Percy chuckled.



11. Suddenly, a man dropped one of the sacks being lifted on to Percy's trucks. The sack burst open and poor Percy was showered in grain. "Oh, no!" he cried. While the man went to get a broom to sweep up the mess, a flock of pigeons flew towards Percy from some nearby trees.

12. Thomas watched as the pigeons swooped down and landed on Percy. Percy was soon covered with birds who hungrily started to peck up the grain. "You were right about the peacock, Percy," smiled Thomas. "It looks like you're more suited to carrying pigeon passengers."



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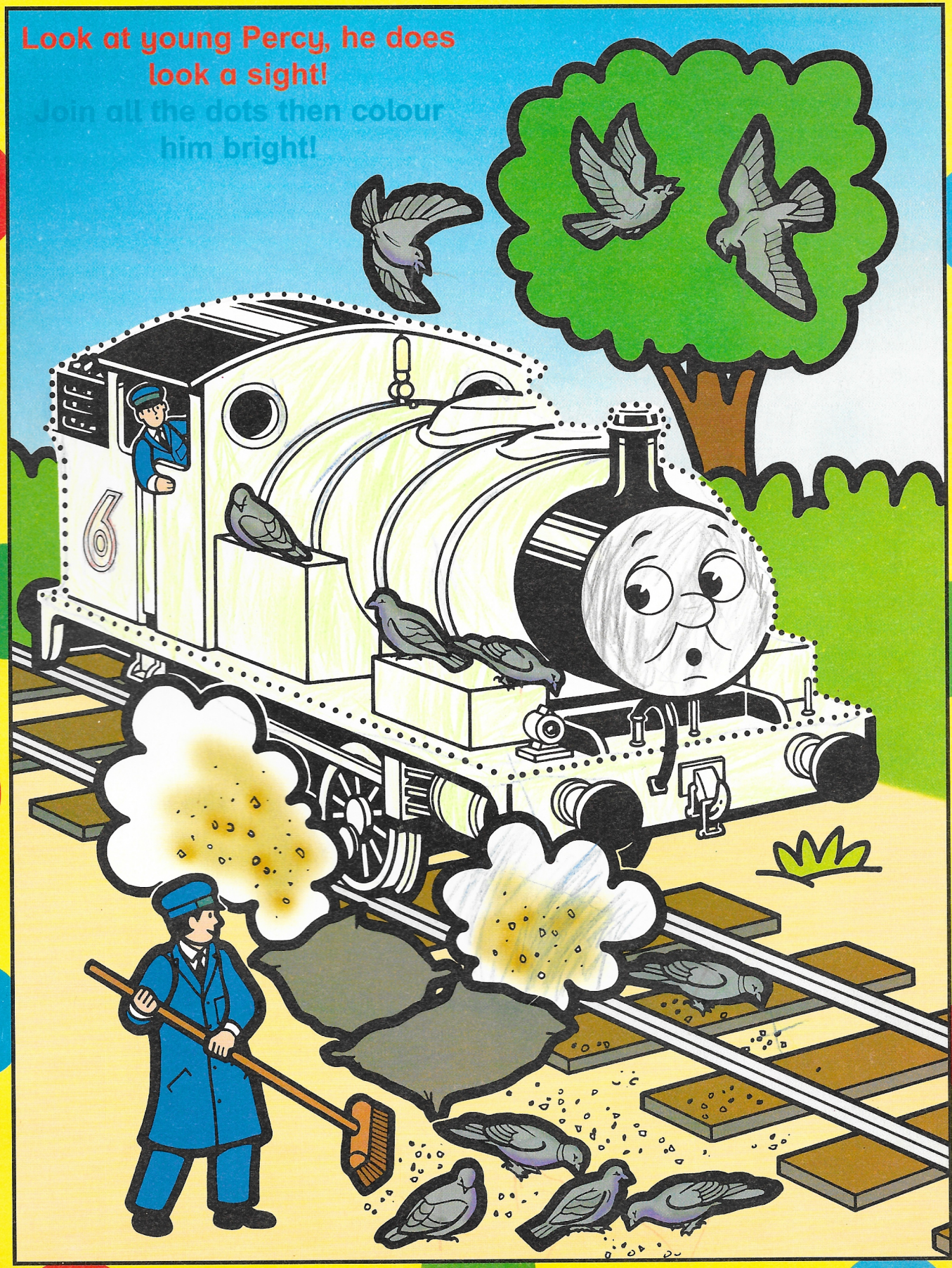
Look at young Percy, he does look a sight!
Join all the dots then colour him bright!

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